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Soviets Gain in White Russia But Abandon Korosten

LONDON, Nov. 30 (UP).—Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's First Ukraine Army has abandoned Korosten, important rail junction in the Kiev salient, 45 miles north of Zhitomir, a Soviet communique announced tonight.

While the Red Army withdrew from the extremity of their Kiev bulge, they forged ahead both north and south of that battlefield, closing in on the White Russian junction of Zhitomir and forcing Red Army spearheads deeper into the Big Bend of the Dnieper.

Rumor Big 3 Meet in Mid-East

The world's radios blared broadcasts almost hourly yesterday that the "Big Three"—and perhaps the "Big Four"—were meeting somewhere in the Middle East.

British Continue Sangro Advance

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 30 (UP).—The British Eighth Army has captured Fossaccia, Adriatic anchor of the German line in Italy, and the strategic mountain village of Villa Santa Maria, a few miles inland, a special communique announced tonight.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Nov. 30 (UP).—Ripping apart enemy defenses in violent fighting, Gen. Sir B. L. Montgomery's Eighth Army today expanded its main bridgehead across the Sangro River to four miles deep by 12 miles wide and the Germans were reported retreating from the shattered Adriatic end of their "winter line."

"Our advance is continuing," said an Allied communique, disclosing that New Zealand and Indian troops captured Mozzagroga, three miles inside the enemy's line on Sunday, in the first hours of their new offensive and entered or by-passed the anchor point of Fossaccia, near the Adriatic. The stronghold of Lanciano, four miles west of Fossaccia, was directly menaced.

Gomel Key to Liberation of All Byelo-Russia, Soviet Press Says

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News) MOSCOW, Nov. 30.—Both Ivestia and Red Star, the Soviet government and army newspapers, hail the liberation of Gomel as the beginning of liberation for the republic of Byelo-Russia.

Gomel's recapture, says Ivestia, is of great moral and political significance, and what sounds like a funeral bell for the Nazis will be the joyful ringing of holiday bells for the Byelo-Russian people.

"The battle of Gomel was one of the biggest in the war and concluded in a major German defeat," says Red Star.

"The victory is of great military importance because in Gomel the enemy lost an important railway junction and a powerful support point in the Polesia direction."

Tens of thousands of civilians have perished in terrible agony at the hands of the contemptible Hitlerite murderers. Tens of thousands of others were shipped like cattle to German slavery.

"The cities of Minsk, Vitebsk, Gomel and Mogilev are reduced to heaps of debris," Wilhelm Kube, the Hitlerite Reichskommissar declared with satisfaction in 1942.

"There is no need to restore cities... city life spoils the Byelorussians, because they are attached to the land."

Gen. Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Central Front forces, smashing toward Zhitomir, on the Gomel-Minsk railroad, turned back German counter-attacks between the Sozh and Berezina rivers and captured a number of inhabited places, south of Zhitomir and northwest of Gomel.

South of that front, other Red Army forces moved along the lower Pripiet River, taking a number of towns and villages.

Within the Dnieper Bend, positions were improved near Cherkassy, site of the latest large-scale crossing of the broad river, southwest of Kremenchug and southwest of Dniepropetrovsk. Soviet vanguards driving forward on these fronts appeared headed for the iron city of Krivoi Rog and the manganese center of Nikopol.

Front dispatches relayed by Moscow reported no indication that the intensity of the battle was diminishing north or east of Zhitomir, rail junction 80 miles west of Kiev, toward which Gen. Vatutin's First Ukraine Army apparently was directing its full power.

Vatutin, gradually mastering the counterattacks thrown against his positions by Field Marshal Fritz Erich von Manstein, was taking an increasing toll of the eight German panzer divisions battering his southern flank.

A front dispatch to the Moscow newspaper Ivestia described the battleground at Korosten, north of Zhitomir, as "a giant graveyard of enemy machines."

"Scores of panzers and self-propelled guns form heaps of shapeless metal," it said.

The Red Army newspaper Red Star reported a growing threat of encirclement for German troops still within the bend and said the Nazi command, faced with a desperate situation, was speeding reinforcements from the west. Last week alone, it said, at least 10 battalions—10,000 men—arrived from France and Belgium.

IMPROVE POSITIONS The Soviet High Command announced that its troops, under orders, had abandoned Korosten in order to obtain better positions. Military observers were inclined to take this at its face value in view of reports that Vatutin now had men and material rushed across the Dnieper to batter back Manstein's attacks.

Korosten, taken by Vatutin's forces from the Germans Nov. 18, was the second important junction lost to the Nazis in their counter-drive. The other was Zhitomir, which Manstein regained Nov. 19 after six days of Soviet occupation.

This Manstein, although thwarted in his efforts to score a clean break through the Kiev salient toward the Dnieper line and the Ukraine capital, had succeeded in blunting the Soviet bulge west of Kiev and had regained control of 45 miles of the strategic Odessa-Leningrad railroad, and its tributary lines leading westward toward the pre-war Polish frontier.

Under a program drawn up by Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio's cabinet, all legislation enacted during Mussolini's long fascist reign will be reviewed and all fascists found guilty of suppressing individual liberties will be deemed unfit to exercise any political rights.

alone destroyed 6,800 German soldiers and officers and wounded more than 2,500 others.

"The same guerrilla detachments derailed 58 German munition and troop trains, three armored trains, blew up 15 railway and 30 highway bridges, 33 stores were destroyed and 135 trucks. More than 12,000 Hitlerites perished under the wreckage of these trains."

"Soviet troops are now fighting on the roads to Mogilev, and on the approaches to Rogachev, Zhitomir, Kalinkovichi and Moxyr."

"Having forced many rivers, Red Army units are now fighting for the important Berezina line."

"Despite the furious enemy resistance, the powerful surge of the Soviet offensive rolls on farther and farther west, restoring life to the suffering land of Byelo-Russia."

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30. — While our troops await momentous decisions from United Nations' leaders for the onslaught that will help beat the Axis into unconditional surrender, a negotiated peace conference to try and save Hitler from his doom is getting under way here at the Friends Race Street Meeting House.

Norman Thomas and Mrs. Robert Taft, wife of the notorious defeatist Republican Senator, are among the speakers promised by Frederick J. Libby for the annual conference

on "policy and action" of his National Council for the Prevention of War.

"Peace Now and How to Get It," will be the underlying theme of the conference which runs from Thursday through Saturday and which includes a mass meeting and public sessions.

Libby's co-member on the Negotiated Peace Strategy Board, A. J. Muste, is taking a prominent part. So is Thomas' brother, Evan Thomas, who leads the panel on Conversation

ORDER R. R.'s END NEGRO BAN

Taft's Wife to Chair Hitler-Peace Rally

CIO, AFL, Ask Ban On Poll Tax Filibuster

Allied Council On Italy Meets

Italian King Shorn of 'Empire'

Aussie Tanks Gain In New Guinea

French Map Plans For '4th Republic'

Commons Will Debate Release of Mosley Today

By Ivor Montague

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Gen. Rokossovsky Menaces Bobruisk

By a Veteran Commander

IN CONNECTION with what we wrote yesterday about the so-called "Zlobin bag," it is interesting to note that one of the armies of General Rokossovsky is now reported only 25 miles south of Bobruisk. Thus that army advances against the Zlobin-Bobruisk railroad line on a front which is about 30 miles wide (this is the army which crossed the Berezina from the western to the eastern bank, executing a brilliant wheeling maneuver). The left flank of that army is only about a dozen miles from the railroad running from Bobruisk southwest to Luninets in the heart of the Marshes. On the right flank this army is only some 12 miles south of Zlobin.

However, the northern arm of the pincers which is moving along the line Propoisk-Rogachev has not registered any notable advances in the last week or so and this gives us every reason to caution the reader against expecting a huge "bag" at Zlobin, unless—the movements of this northern arm have been purposely concealed in the Soviet communiques which is often the case when important outflanking maneuvers are in progress. But as the matter stands on the map now, Bobruisk has acquired greater importance than Zlobin and it is entirely possible that Rokossovsky is driving precisely at that objective.

(And, speaking of maps, we wish to remind the reader that ESSO has put out a fairly detailed and very accurate map which they call the Second War Map and which they are giving out on request. In following the major operations of the war you will find this map satisfactory.)

(And, speaking of other maps, namely the map out of late by the AP, we suspect that somebody in the Associated Press must have had cocktails with the Polish Embassy in Washington: for instance, yesterday in the N.Y. Sun such a map had the word "POLAND" sprawling as far as the railroad running from Zlobin to Korosten, thus "giving" Poland a slice of Russian territory 80 miles wide and EAST OF THE EARLY 1939 BORDER. Task, task... what old-fashioned's will do!).

THE British Eighth Army has advanced somewhat across the Sangro while the U. S. Fifth beats fierce German attacks and gained some ground.

American bombers gave Bremen the second going over in four days.

THE situation in Yugoslavia is not quite clear, especially in regard to the fighting along the Adriatic coast. There is little doubt, though, that the Army of Liberation which has received no substantial help from across the Adriatic, will have to "shrink" its circular front and retire to the mountainous areas for the winter.

CHINESE forces are clinging to Changteh and have inflicted a serious defeat on two Japanese divisions there. The fifth battle of Changsha (we inadvertently called it, the "fourth" the other day) appears to be swinging against the invaders. The latter have had an opportunity to devastate the rice-paddy where the second rice crop is harvested in October and November. It is thus easy for them to destroy or carry away this crop at this time of the year because it is gathered in granaries instead of being spread over the paddies which it is impossible to burn.

Rumanian Partisans Join Attack by Tito

LONDON, Nov. 30 (UP).—Yugoslav Partisans announced today that their batteries on the island of Milet, in the Adriatic northeast of Dubrovnik, had sunk an enemy vessel and damaged another, thus disclosing that Marshal Erwin Rommel's Dalmatian campaign had not yet freed Germany's Adriatic supply routes to the Balkans from danger of attack.

East of Dubrovnik, and on other battlefields extending east to the Rumanian border and from Croatia on the north to Albania on the south, Yugoslav forces were fighting German and puppet occupation troops, and the Partisans asserted 200 of the enemy were killed.

Allied headquarters at Algiers disclosed that Allied planes were aiding the harassment of the Germans. Mitchell medium bombers hit an explosive factory, a barracks and repair shops at Sarajevo.

Spitfires strafed airfields, harbors and enemy transport in Yugoslavia and shipping off the Albanian coast. Croat Partisans killed 90 Germans and took 30 prisoners in attacking a German column on the road from Petrinja, 30 miles southwest of Zagreb, capital of the Croat fascist state, to Glina, and Rumanian and Yugoslav Partisans together were attacking enemy railway communications and garrisons in the Banat, territory between the Tisa River and the Rumanian frontier.

Australian Coal Miners Win Gains

(Cable to Allied Labor News)

SYDNEY, Nov. 30.—Australian coal miners this week secured substantial concessions held certain to increase coal production, following a conference with representatives of the Labor Ministry. Most of the miners' demands, presented by the Australian Miners Federation, were granted.

They include: (1) Formation of pit committees; (2) reconstitution of the Central Reference Board (labor conciliation agency) and the resting of complete authority in local disputes with local reference boards; (3) a government survey of health conditions and recommendations for the elimination of occupational diseases; (4) release of former miners from the armed services, wherever possible, to insure greater production. Other favorable decisions remove blanket fines for recent stoppages and deal with underground transport and taxation.



Yank Fliers Hammer Western Germany

Funeral Procession in Italy



Italian women shown carrying a casket of a mother of two children who had been slain by the Nazis. This took place in the village of Tragana and Allied liberators found very few civilians when they entered. Two other poorly clad villagers walk in the funeral cortege.

Charge Amery Used Phony Famine Figure

By P. C. Joshi

BOMBAY, India, Nov. 30.—Sir J. P. Srivastava, who holds the post of Civil Defense in the Viceroy's Cabinet, was virtually charged in the Assembly last week with supplying the Secretary of State for India with false figures on the number of deaths per week in Bengal.

Only 1,000 die from starvation each week in that Indian province, according to the figures published in London by L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India.

Srivastava would not admit that the information was supplied by him from India, but he said, "The India Office may have other independent sources."

On this point, Frederick James, leader of the European group in the Assembly, asked, "How was it that the Secretary of State—at any rate in the early stages of the crisis—made such grossly inaccurate statements in the House of Commons, statements which even in this country knew were not in accordance with the facts?"

Srivastava replied: "The question should be addressed to the Secretary of State."

In fact each time that Amery made a statement to the House of Commons, the statements, a Calcutta Anglo-Indian daily, gave the number of deaths each week as 10,000 and Kunzru, a liberal political leader, estimated the number as 50,000.

THE RUMORROUND
Food member Srivastava also said: "Statements were sent regularly to the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State might have based his White Paper on those statements, but I couldn't say certainly as I haven't seen the White Paper."

A non-official resolution demanding price stabilization was adopted in the Assembly. Finance member Jeremy Raisman admitted that more must be done to meet the current demands of consumers, because "The Government of India realizes that a stage has been reached at which the needs of the home front have become extremely important, when the internal economy of the country must be preserved, and when, in fact, we can't go further without endangering the war effort."

This admission by the finance member is the first official government statement acknowledging the serious nature of the situation.

Junior Hadassah Hails Soviet Jews
(Special to the Daily Worker)
CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 30.—Junior Hadassah, young women's Zionist organization of the United States, hailed the Jews of the Soviet Union, along with all the other peoples of that country, in a resolution passed at the final session of its 20th annual convention in Cleveland last Saturday.

Referring to the Soviet Jews' "undaunted valor and magnificent fighting spirit against the Nazi-fascist forces," the resolution said:

"Junior Hadassah notes with gratification that during the past year a closer bond has been established between the Jews of the Soviet Union and their fellow Jews throughout the world, and hopes that the bond of fraternity will grow and that the Soviet Jews will take an active part in the post-war reconstruction of Jewish life through the rebuilding of Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth."

A "Guerrilla's Pocket Edition" of

Round Out Record Month of Raids

(BULLETIN)

LONDON, Nov. 30 (UP).—American Flying Fortresses today attacked Silesingen, east of Dusseldorf, in Germany, with the loss of two bombers, it was announced officially tonight.

LONDON, Nov. 30 (UP).—U. S. 8th Air Force heavy bombers, completing a record month of action, hammered Western Germany today, and tonight a radio blackout across Nazi Europe indicated that the RAF's big bombers may have resumed their attacks after a three-night lull.

The American heavyweights were escorted by fighter planes as they completed their eleventh mission of November, surpassing the previous highs of ten set in July and September.

It was the second American raid on the Reich in as many days, and the ninth of November. Two other November raids were against Nazi installations in Norway.

RAF Mosquito bombers kept the air raid sirens howling in Germany Monday night with assaults on targets in the western part of the Reich for the second straight night. Intruder planes attacked German airfields in France and Holland and no planes were lost from all operations.

The radio blackout fell over Europe about 7 P. M., when radio Paris went off the air in the middle of a broadcast and was followed soon by radios in Bremen, Friesland and Cologne. Paris returned to the air about half an hour later.

Anti-Negro 'Witness' Was Asylum Inmate
Patrolman David Liebman, who joined in a public attack upon the Negro population of Bedford-Stuyvesant and Mayor LaGuardia, was an inmate of the Creedmoor State Hospital for the mentally deranged, it was revealed yesterday.

Liebman appeared at a meeting called on Nov. 21 by Sumner Sirt, Brooklyn real estate man and spearhead in the recent "crime wave" smear against Brooklyn's Negro population and charged that the morale of the Police Department was at its lowest in years' because of Mayor LaGuardia's handling of the police.

The patrolman's statement at the meetings was widely quoted in the press and reactionary forces behind the "crime wave" smear in Brooklyn and lauded the patrolman's "courage" in speaking out upon the alleged morale of the police. Liebman was immediately suspended from the police force for violating rules of the department.

Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine revealed yesterday that a check-up on Liebman's record had shown that he was taken to Creedmoor on Oct. 20, 1936, and found to be suffering with dementia praecox. He remained in the insane asylum until July 14, 1937, when he was paroled for a year in custody of his mother.

The impending Police Department trial against Liebman was dropped when it was discovered that he had been a mental institution inmate, and he now faces trial before the Civil Service Commission for concealing his medical history in applying for a job as policeman.

The patrolman's attorney, Saul I. Radin, said yesterday that Valentine's revelations were "a shock to me."

Notes on Soviet People at War

The exemplary work of Soviet railroad workers, a million and a half of whom pledged Stalin that all government assignments would be carried through on time, is just one example of the myriad ways in which Soviet workers are helping the war effort.

Barents Sea Fishermen fulfilled their state plan 175 per cent, contributing tens of thousands of pounds of fish above the plan to the Red Army fund.

In Kharkov, 3,500 trees and shrubs are being planted in workers' spare time in the city's squares and parks.

In Archangel, office workers become lumberjacks in their hours off the job, in order to help provide the locality with firewood. Office employees of one organization cut more than 10,000 cubic yards of wood in two and a half months.

Fifty carloads of gifts for Leningrad in honor of the 26th anniversary of the October Revolution were sent by Kazakhstan.

In the Maslinsk district of Azerbaijan, collective farmers at their own expense set up 16 kindergartens to care for 500 children of Red Army families.

Many Soviet students are earning money while working on construction sites and in transport, or assisting in hospitals, and this money they are contributing to a fund for helping students and col-

leges in the liberated Soviet districts.

The Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet Youth is planning broadcasts to the students of Europe's occupied countries.

The people of Georgia have sent gifts to the people of the Ukraine's liberated areas, including four bulls, seven horses, six cows, four hogs, a carload of clothing.

"We shall send more in the future," they told the Ukrainians in a letter, "and help you build up a happy life."

Twenty-two German military trains were derailed in the first week of November by the Chkalov guerrilla detachment which has headquarters in the Baranovichi region, reports to Moscow say.

The neighboring Alexander Nevsky guerrilla detachment planted mines on a German-operated railway which blew up a train loaded with trucks and anti-aircraft guns and other supplies.

A tank factory which was evacuated last year from Kharkov is not only again at work but turns out far more tanks than it ever did before.

The workers of this plant sent out a call to Soviet tank workers

'New Leader' Backs Release of Mosley

The current issue of the Social Democratic New Leader rushes editorially to the defense of British Home Secretary Herbert Morrison for releasing fascist Sir Oswald Mosley from prison.

The sweep of labor demonstrations through England protesting Morrison's action, is all the Communist staged, according to the New Leader. The Social Democratic organ concludes that "in a time of public strain there are evident advantages in having in charge of home affairs a man of Herbert Morrison's standing."

This line sales talk is addressed to some old-fashioned Tories to prove to them that there are Laborites of Morrison's mentality who could expertly pull their chests out of the fire (or out of prison).

The resolutions of protest by the British Trades Union Congress, representing 6,000,000 members; of the Labor Party's executive body; of the National Council of Labor, which includes the cooperatives, and of almost every affiliated labor organization, is just "Communist" stuff to the New Leader.

NOT THE TRUTH
Among the many mistakes of fact in the New Leader is the assertion that Mosley "was put in jail by Home Secretary Morrison." The Home Secretary in June, 1940, when Mosley was jailed, was Sir J. A. Anderson, a carryover from the Chamberlain Cabinet, a Tory with one of the worst records, notorious particularly for his hand in suppressing the people of Ire-

Cubans Unite to Free Prestes From Prison

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

The Cuban people are carrying on exemplary campaigns for the release of the great Latin-American anti-fascist, Luis Carlos Prestes, held virtually incommunicado in prison by the Vargas government of Brazil for the past seven years.

"The Committee for the Release of Luis Carlos Prestes," organized Sept. 20, has begun a campaign for 100,000 signatures of Cuban citizens to be sent in December to President Getulio Vargas of Brazil. (Address of the Committee for the Release of Luis Carlos Prestes is Prado 406, Havana, Cuba.)

Among the first fruits of the Committee's work was the decision on Oct. 3, by the Grand Masonic Lodge of Cuba to cable President Vargas asking Prestes' release. It sent a delegation to the Brazilian Embassy for the same purpose. And, on top of all, to request all the Masonic Lodges on the entire American continent to take similar action.

On Oct. 9 the Association of Retail Shoe Store Employees added to their protest to Vargas a cable to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, requesting him in the name of the democratic principles backed by both Brazil and the United States to intervene with President Vargas to release Prestes.

On the following day the Second National Congress on History, held in Havana and presided over by the progressive Catholic Academician, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Cienfuegos, voted to request the Brazilian government to set Prestes free.

On Oct. 15, the majority of the professors of the Professional School of Commerce in the Province of Santa Clara, Cuba, sent a

throughout the country to increase production. They sent a letter to Stalin promising him they'd increase labor productivity in their establishment 28 per cent. And when 800 more workers were assigned to their plant to help carry out the increased production assignment for the coming quarter, they asked that the 800 workers be sent to liberated Kharkov—their home city—instead, to build up that devastated city, while they themselves (the evacuated workers, off in the Urals somewhere) would manage to fulfill the increased assignment.

The first few tons of coal have been mined in the Donbas, Soviet press reports say. The main mine in Krasnodon is among those that have been set working, and mechanization of the mines is also in progress.

Already Donbas miners, enthusiastically working the restored mines in the liberated Donbas, are pledging to raise their output to the full former capacity by the end of the year.

A certain aircraft plant which produced the "Lavochkin S" fighter plane has doubled its output in the past year, although its equipment remains the same and the number of workers is 5 per cent less. Labor productivity increased 120 per cent.

Baltic-Americans Urge Hull Rescind Status of Envoys

Secretary of State Cordell Hull was asked yesterday to "rescind recognition" of the representatives of the former Baltic governments of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and to break off relations with the present Finnish government.

The request was made by vote of delegates at the Baltic-American Cultural Council, representing some 15 organizations of Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian and Finnish descent in Greater New York, with a total membership exceeding 1,500. The Council's meeting was held on Nov. 21 at the Council's headquarters, 2061 Lexington Ave., and the resolution, adopted unanimously, was sent to the Secretary of State under the signatures of Helen Yeskevich and Lillian Belte, chairman and secretary, respectively.

Praising Mr. Hull for his part in carrying through the historic Moscow Conference the Council's statement protested "the Finnish decision to recognize Messrs. Zedekis, Bilmanis, Kalv and Procopce as the representatives of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland." Their "so-called embassies" have become agencies of anti-Soviet propaganda and "in effect, do Hitler's work in this country," the resolution declared.

"The people of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia made their choice in 1940 to join the Soviet Union, while the people of Finland are against their fascist regime which is waging Hitler's war against the United Nations," the statement said.

Commons to Debate Mosley Release Today

(Continued from Page 1)

Mosley is a serious blow at the forces of democracy, and is quite out of keeping with the Moscow Conference which declared for the destruction of fascism wherever found; and in view of the great alarm and distress created in the country and of the need for inspiring the people for a new effort toward an early and victorious end of the war, the House calls on the Government to release Mosley without delay."

The debate and the vote on this Gallagher-Pritt proposition would have been simple and without strings.

The amendment to the King's speech, however, by tradition involves the resignation of the government in case of a negative vote.

TRY INTIMIDATION
In wangling this method of dealing with the Mosley matter in preference to a debate on the Gallagher-Pritt direct resolution, leaders of the Government hope to intimidate their opponents and secure a bigger vote. The Government is assured of a big majority, with the support of the huge Tory ranks left over from the Munich period.

The real issue in the debate and the division will be whether more labor members vote for or against the amendment, for if a majority of the Labor members oppose Home Affairs Minister Herbert Morrison in the division of the Labor vote, his personal position will be hard hit. Whatever the total majority—including the Tories—the Government secures.

The Parliamentary Labor Party leaders are of course trying to back down on the decision of last week's meeting, which claiming that all must vote for the Government. Last week's decision, they say, did not visualize a general vote of confidence in the Government would be involved.

The only thing that is certain at this writing is that many Labor members plan to evade the issue by abstaining from voting.

Michigan IWO to Honor Bedacht

DETROIT, Nov. 30.—A gala birthday party celebrating the 60th birthday of Max Bedacht, veteran leader of the labor movement and General Secretary of the IWO, will be held here Sunday, Dec. 6, at Dom Polski, Forest and Chene, starting at 6 P. M.

Prominent trade union and national group leaders will join in paying tribute to Max Bedacht for his many years of service to the labor movement.

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Charge Dewey Blocks Racket Probe

Grand Jury Hints Westchester GOP Aides Involved

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Nov. 30 (UP).—An extraordinary Grand Jury investigating labor racketeering on New York City's Delaware Aqueduct project charged Governor Dewey today with refusing to extend the inquiry to Westchester County despite the fact that evidence showed "transactions between public officials and the unions involved."

The Grand Jury made the charge in a statement issued upon the expiration of the services of assistant attorneys General Edward G. O'Neill and Martin Rosenbloom, whose duties have been transferred to the Brooklyn Office of the Attorney General's Office. They had handled the inquiry the past year and a half in several Hudson Valley counties after former Governor Lehman ordered the probe.

Stating that the purpose of its investigation, as enunciated by Lehman, was to follow the trail of corruption and exploitation of working men on the project "wherever it led," the Grand Jury added: "Evidence obtained by this grand jury indicated the need for similar investigation of the unions involved in aqueduct construction in Westchester County."

"Accordingly, at the suggestion of this grand jury, Mr. O'Neill in April of this year requested an order from the Governor under section 62, subdivision two of the executive law, empowering the investigation to continue its work in Westchester County."

"This request was refused. The grand jury recommends this procedure especially because evidence in its possession showed transactions between public officials and the unions involved."

Senate Group Gets Delinquency Plan

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Juvenile delinquency came under the congressional spotlight today as the Pepper sub-committee opened a full week's hearings to round up the facts and recommend action on a problem which is having a "damaging effect on the war effort."

Placing the blame squarely for mounting juvenile delinquency on crowded and overtaxed living conditions in war communities, Katherine F. Lenroot, chief of the Children's Bureau, recommended a five-point program before the five-man sub-committee on Wartime Health and Education headed by Senator Claude Pepper, Florida Democrat.

Greater financial assistance and guidance from the Federal government to community agencies, more Federal housing and recreational facilities in congested areas, part-time employment programs for high school youth, adequate child care for children of working mothers and additional child welfare services were proposed by Miss Lenroot.

Juvenile delinquency has shown an increase of 16 per cent in 1942 over 1940, Miss Lenroot and other witnesses, including Judge Paul W. Alexander of the Toledo, Ohio, juvenile court, testified. Most of the increase has been in crowded war centers.

"When decent housing and adequate community services are present the dangers of juvenile delinquency decrease," the Children's Bureau head declared as she pointed out that Congress has appointed no additional appropriations to tackle this problem in war affected communities.

China Youth Send Greeting to AYD

"The founding of American Youth for Democracy signifies a further strengthening of the unity of American youth and the extension of anti-fascist forces," five major youth and student organizations of China declared today in a cable of greetings addressed to the National Council of this recently formed youth organization at its national headquarters, 13 Astor Place, New York City.

The message of greeting, also expressing the hope for the "rapid and healthy growth" of American Youth for Democracy, was signed on behalf of: North West Youth Salvation Federation, Yenan Student Salvation Federation, Chu Teh Youth Corps of 18th Group Army, Shansi-Hope-Chahar Youth Anti-Japanese Salvation Union, and Headquarters North China Youth Anti-Japanese Vanguard Corps.

The full text of the cable reads: "The founding of American Youth for Democracy signifies further strengthening of the unity of American youth and an extension of anti-fascist forces. With pleasure and sympathy we Chinese youth congratulate its founders and hope for its rapid and healthy growth."

For a Better Day U.S. WAR BONDS

At Good Neighbor Rally



Speakers at Brooklyn's Good Neighbor Rally Monday night: Left to right, Isadore Philip Sipsen, chairman, 6th A.D., ALP; Joseph Derner, chairman, Williamsburg-Greenpoint Community Council CIO; Rabbi D. Burack, Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Julius Schatz, National War Fund. —Daily Worker Photo

Good Neighbor Rally Raps B'klyn Anti-Negro Smear

The Good Neighbor Rally, called Monday night by the Citizens Committee of Good Neighbors at the Regina Mansions, 601 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, presented the following speakers, who made these points on the Kings County Grand Jury presentation:

Joseph Derner (chairman of the CIO Industrial Council and chairman of the meeting): "... The Grand Jury statement was timed to injure the War Fund drive in Brooklyn, and it succeeded. Fund drive volunteers, frightened at the Grand Jury tales of attacks on 'helpless' women, turned in their kits. The dastardly attacks by Summer Sirl and Monsignor Bedford caused the failure of the War Fund drive and the potential loss of American lives. ... I have personally interviewed the six men and women whose pictures were spread over the Journal-American Nov. 18, under the heading of 'Terrorism in Brooklyn.' They each admitted that in no case was the alleged attacker a Negro. ..."

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione: "... Certain newspapers in this country are doing Hitler's work. For instance, an editorial in the Daily News attacking the morals of our young women in the Army kept 200,000 out of the WACS. Which means that some 200,000 men, who otherwise could have been relieved of clerical jobs for active service against the enemy, cannot be retrained. The Daily News did Hitler's job well. ..."

Judge Miles Paige (a Negro and a Catholic): "... The Grand Jury's charge, concocted in by Father Bedford, that people stopped going to certain churches at night, because they feared being attacked, is untrue. They stopped going when the Mayor clamped down on Bingo games. ... (Applause) And I can prove it! ... There was hardly a member of that Grand Jury from the district it criticized, the Bedford-Stuyvesant section. I was called before that Grand Jury. They asked questions mainly to prove their pre-conceived prejudices about the Negro. If they had wanted the truth on this matter they would have included at least one Negro in its membership. ... And now the newspapers are using the Lieberman incident in an effort to make a rift between the Jews and the Negroes. We must not allow it. ..."

Other speakers included Rabbi D. Burack, Isadore Philip Sipsen, and Lyman Levy, the last named representing the International Workers Order. Sipsen, young labor attorney and chairman of the 6th A.D. American Labor Party, assailed the scheduled speakers who had failed to appear. He charged that they had contracted "cold feet."

State Senator Louis H. Heller, along with Lisa Sergio, Father Weist and George Wibican, had been prominently advertised as speakers. They were not present.

Atlantic Fishing Tieu Looms

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BOSTON, Nov. 30 (UP).—Unless the 10-day old strike of fishermen at Boston, New Bedford and New York ends soon the Gloucester fishing crews may join the walkout, crippling the entire North Atlantic fishing fleet, officials warned today.

In Boston, the number of idle craft rose to 35 with more than 600 men affected as no settlement was made in the fishermen's demand for upward revision of OPA price schedules.

However, hope was held for a speedy settlement as Patrick McHugh, Secretary - Treasurer of the Atlantic Fishermen's Union (AFU) and leader of the strikers, conferred with OPA officials in Washington.

Joint Union Action on City Wages Planned

A drive for higher wages for city employees was under way today, launched by the State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO, which supported Mayor LaGuardia's promises of raises but put forward a concrete program on what those raises ought to be.

Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers' Union, vice-president of the City CIO Council and Councilman-elect, started the ball rolling in the campaign Monday night. He addressed more than 300 stewards from 26 city departments as a special conference at union headquarters, 13 Astor Place, pledging the support of the Transport Workers and the entire CIO for a broad fight to win adequate wage adjustments.

A city-wide conference of elected representatives of all city employees from both organized and unorganized sections of city service will be held Monday, Dec. 6, at 8 P. M. at Hotel Capital, Eighth Ave. and 51st St.

Wires of invitation to this session went out to Municipal Lodge 432, International Association of Machinists, AFL; the Society of Architects and Engineers, unaffiliated; Civil Service Chapter of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, CIO; and the Civil Service Forum, among others.

WILL BE THERE

The Civil Service Forum has already declined to participate but at least three of the others and perhaps more have indicated they will be represented, James V. King, New York president of State, County and Municipal Workers, said yesterday.

The CIO union agrees with the Mayor's stand, expressed in his broadcast Sunday, that city workers, caught in the squeeze between fixed income and rising price, require wage adjustments but contends that a \$120 a year boost will not be enough. They propose a \$1,500 minimum wage and a \$400 wage bonus as the minimum necessary. Time and a half for overtime over 40 hours is also sought.

Mayor LaGuardia failed to mention school employees when he announced his study of salary increases for city workers, Dr. Bella V. Dodd, legislative representative of the Teachers Union, pointed out yesterday.

TEACHERS WRITE MAYOR

Teachers frequently are the "forgotten people of the civil service system," she said in a letter to the Mayor, which put their case before him.

"School employees have not had an increase in salary during this war period," the letter said. "The rising cost of living and mounting taxes make it essential that their problem be adjusted at the same time as other city employees. The union program asks for a minimum wage of \$2,000 and a \$500 wartime cost-of-living bonus for all school employees."

The problem of adequate personnel in the schools, now suffering from a teacher shortage, will be solved by making permanent appointments and by providing adequate salary adjustments, Dr. Dodd told the Mayor. She proposed a conference with representatives of all organizations of school employees to work out a program.

NAVY YARD

Federal employees need wage adjustments immediately if morale and efficiency are not to be impaired, Emma Lipowsky and Milton Kalish, presidents of two unions of white collar employees at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, said yesterday. They head locals affiliated with the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, CIO.

They charged that Congressional attacks on government employees were a "frontal blow to our war effort" and they asked the launching of a thorough-going and quick survey of overstaffed offices to supply much-needed personnel to understaffed units.

Cleveland Mayor Plans Recreation Fund Boost

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Nov. 30.—An extensive war-time recreational program, increasing the annual operating budget by approximately 75 percent, was approved here this morning by Mayor Frank J. Lausche and Properties Director A. L. Munson.

The ambitious expansion of play facilities to be made possible by an all-time record annual appropriation of \$770,000 is in line with Mayor Lausche's program of leaving no stone unturned to enable Cleveland to play its role as an exemplary war production center. This city has already received considerable national publicity for its constantly increasing nursery facilities to enable mothers of pre-school and school-age children to participate in war production.

Formal legislation authorizing the greatly increased facilities, as well as providing for expansion and reorganization of the Cleveland Recreation Department, was approved late today by City Council's Parks Committee, headed by Councilman Edward L. Pucel, who sponsored the legislation. The program was initiated by and had the active support of labor, welfare, civic and youth organizations.

DOUBLING ACTIVITIES

By its increased appropriation and proposals for modernization of the Recreation Department, the expanded program will double the present leisure time activities of both adults and children.

The five bureaus of the department proposed in the bill are:

Community recreation center activities, arts, crafts and boy-towns;

Bureau of playgrounds parks, beaches and winter sports;

Bureau of organized athletics, golf and nature activities;

Bureau of music, dancing, dramatics and public entertainment;

Bureau of maintenance and property control.

"This will give us a plan comparable to the best now in existence and should make for efficient administration of an adequate, overall city-wide recreation program," declared Commissioner Julius Kemery, who participated in drafting the plans.

C.P. Branch Hits Bias in Capital

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—The Illinois-Indiana District of the Communist Party reports that they are well beyond the 50 per cent mark in their 1944 Registration by this week end. Of the sixteen branches expected to earn the title "Honor Branch" by completing their registration before November 30, five branches—4th ward east, 11th ward east, 27th ward, 37th ward, and North Shore Professional branches—were completed by November 28; while of the others, Roseland, Back of the Yards, 29th ward, 34th ward, 29th ward and the Rogers Park, Uptown, and Near North Professional Branches had reached the 80 per cent mark.

In a statement accompanying this report, the Illinois-Indiana district states: "We expect all our branches to take inspiration from the Honor Branches so as to guarantee 100 per cent completion of our registration by Dec. 20, with our membership 100 per cent mobilized to contribute their best efforts for victory in 1944."

The War Department has announced the death of Sgt. Gerald "Jerry" Weinberg, of Brooklyn, in an air raid in the European theatre of war on Oct. 30, 1943.

Weinberg thus becomes the first veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade to die fighting with the American armed forces in the battle against the Axis.

Jerry Weinberg, a little fellow only 24 years old, won the Distinguished Flying Cross this past summer for participating in the famous American raid on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania. His plane was forced down in a neutral country but Weinberg, fiercely wanting to get back into action against the fascists, escaped internment, returned to Allied-held territory and there rejoined Allied forces.

He got back to England and it was from there that he went out in a Liberator bomber in the raid in which he was killed.

Jerry Weinberg was a typical member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Born and brought up in Brooklyn he learned early the nature of fascism. In the summer of 1936 the fascist invasion of democratic Spain took place. A few months later the eighteen-year-old, five foot two inches tall Jerry left his country to take up arms against the fascists.

In January, 1937, he reached Spain, got a little bit of training and then went into the front lines in the terrible and crucial battle of Jarama. Together with the other Internationals, the first ones to reach Spain, Weinberg helped keep open the vital Valencia - Madrid highway which the Loyalists so desperately needed.

After this bloody action he saw action in the battle of Brunete where he served as an infantryman. Upon his return from Spain in 1938 he continued the fight through the Veterans of the Abraham Lin-

R. J. Thomas Acquitted in Texas Anti-Labor Case

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 30 (UP).—R. J. Thomas of Detroit, president of the CIO United Auto Workers Union, and John E. Crossland of Houston, sub-regional director of the CIO, were acquitted today on charges of violating the Texas labor statutes.

It took Judge Albie Peyton just 10 minutes to free the two labor leaders of charges they violated the labor law by soliciting memberships for the Oil Workers' Union without first having registered as labor organizers with the Secretary of State.

After announcing his decision, the county judge spoke sharply to Assistant District Attorney Kellis Daniel for having failed to prove the case.

C. M. Massengale, assistant national director of the Oil Workers' Union organizing campaign, was found not guilty by the jurist yesterday, when Judge Peyton ruled there was a variance between the allegations of the state and the proof as offered in court.

To Reduce Ration Points for Meat

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (UP).—Ration points for almost all meats will be generally reduced next month, it was learned today.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles is slated to announce the reduction tonight in his weekly radio speech.

The available supply of pork and beef has improved, but the exact number of points for the December table for the various cuts has not yet been determined. It will probably be announced Friday.

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Schools to Keep Going, AFL Assures City

City officials appeared confident yesterday that wage increases, just announced by Mayor LaGuardia, would allay the threat of a strike among custodial employees in the city schools, called by the John L. Lewis United Construction Workers Union.

Leon Zwicker, regional director of the Lewis-led organization, insisted that custodial employees would leave their jobs cleaning and heating school buildings despite the 12½ and 10 per cent increases announced by the Mayor for the 3,300 workers involved, effective yesterday.

However, Local 891, International Union of Operating Engineers, and Local 74, Building Service Employees Union, both AFL, with whom the raises were negotiated, said they would keep all their members at work and would replace anyone "foolish enough to walk out." The operating engineers are the employers of the custodial workers, paying them from lump sums allocated by the Board of Education. The Building Service Employees claims to represent a majority of the custodial employees.

The State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO union which also has membership among the custodial employees, issued a leaflet yesterday calling upon them to remain at work and ignore the Lewis strike plea. The SCMW proposes a new minimum wage of \$1,500 a year for all civil service employees and proposes scrapping the present system of payment by which operating engineers administer payment in this field in favor of placement of the custodial employees on civil service. It was believed that Zwicker might be able to interrupt schedules at one or two schools where the Lewis organization is entrenched but the number of these was said to be limited.

Last Rites for John Sumption

ABERDEEN, S. D., Nov. 30.—Over 150 neighbors and friends attended the funeral services for John Sumption, beloved Communist Party member, who died at his home here Saturday. Clarence Sharp, Farm Representative of the Minnesota-Dakota district of the Communist Party spoke at the memorial services.

John Sumption was one of the oldest Communists in South Dakota and for a number of years was State Chairman. He was one of the pioneer farmers of Brown County, South Dakota, settling there in 1883 and farming there for nearly 60 years.

Union Cracks Company Bias Against Negro Hero

Yes, Moe Williams, Negro worker, is a great hero, admitted the Republic Aviation Corp. several weeks ago.

And Republic's own plant paper hailed Mr. Williams' defiance and courage in saving a fellow worker's life at the risk of his own. It told how the Negro had caught Jim Healy, a maintenance worker in his arms at the end of a 30-foot drop from a beam overhead.

An almost incredible catch. But heroism is one thing; Jim Crow restrictions on colored workers are another.

The company had hired Mr. Williams as a drop hammer operator, two months ago—a skilled job.

Hired him as an operator and given him a job as a helper—a drop hammer helper, paying much less.

Mr. Williams protested: he is an all-around mechanic, an accom-

plished electrician, a millwright, and even a jeweler, as well as a drop hammer operator. He demanded an operator's job, which the company had promised.

ONLY PRAISE

But the company gave the hero nothing but praise for his famous 30-foot catch.

It refused to upgrade him till Mr. Williams told his story to representatives of the United Automobile Workers, CIO.

Then the union went to bat. It told Mr. Kress, the management representative on Nov. 16 that the company must stop its racial discrimination or else it would hear from the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

And this week the company backed down, and Mr. Williams went up.

The hero is working as a skilled drop hammer operator because he has a union behind him.

'Farm' Bloc Leader Urges Hunger Plan

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reau Federation, merely sent up a representative with a prepared statement.

The statement didn't differ an iota from what Goss had to say. Both Goss and O'Neal used practically the same language most of the time.

But O'Neal was a bit more specific than Goss in insisting that there should be no wage increases to compensate for a subsidy.

Both O'Neal and Goss developed at length their favorite tale that war workers have extravagantly high wages, and insisted that consumers have "plenty of excess purchasing power."

A slightly new wrinkle in Goss' statement was that he said he favored the food stamp plan for low-income groups being pushed by a group of Congressmen and Senators.

POLITICAL MANEUVER

But the chief characteristic of this plan at present is that it is a political maneuver designed to entice support from the administration's subsidy program.

O'Neal will appear in person next Tuesday when Goss will ap-

pear again to be questioned by the committee.

AFL President William Green and CIO Secretary James Carey are scheduled to present labor's case for subsidies tomorrow.

OPA Administrator Chester Bowles will represent the administration's point of view in favor of subsidies on Thursday.

Mayor LaGuardia of New York will head a delegation of mayors that is expected to plead for subsidies on Friday.

Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley was present for a while at today's hearing, but other Senators who are expected to support the administration's position like Sheridan Downey of California and Abe Murdock of Utah were conspicuous by their absence.

Senator Robert Taft, Ohio defeatist, asked Goss what he thought about his so-called compromise which would limit the subsidy program to a few subsidies rigidly specified by Congress.

Goss thought that might be okay if the limitations were tough enough.

Taft, who is trying to build himself up as the leader of the fight to save subsidies, said to Goss:

"I'm against a general subsidy as much as you are."

Goss admitted that he was "embarrassed" by some of Taft's questions about whether he favored specific subsidies such as the one for vegetable oils and fats sanctioned in the House bill.

Goss ran the hearing with an imperious hand during his testimony.

All attempts to ask him questions while he rambled on in a long informal statement were waved aside until he could finish.

"I'll be through in just a minute, Senator," he said repeatedly. He was still talking an hour later.

French Receive Soviet Army Aides
ALGIERS, Nov. 30 (UP).—French Commissioner of War and Air Andre Letourneur yesterday received military advisors attached to the delegation of Andre Vishinsky, Soviet member of the Four-Power Advisory Council for Italy.

The Soviet military advisors are headed by Maj. Gen. Nestor Solodovnik, who during the Tunisian campaign was a correspondent with the Allied Eighth Army for the Soviet Tass news agency.

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UAW Head Urges Wage Policy Revision

Thomas Affirms No Strike Vow; Hits Disruption

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Nov. 30.—In a communication forwarded to all local unions President R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers, CIO, called for a "concerted drive to revise government wage policies" but warned against violating the union's no-strike pledge.

Following the lead of the recent national convention of the CIO, Thomas coupled his demand for revision of the "Little Steel formula" with a call for "a full stabilization program affecting matter of prices, profits, salaries and taxes."

Sabotage of President Roosevelt's program for stabilization makes over all-wage adjustment essential, Thomas pointed out.

"The President's enemies and our own have wrecked the seven point program . . . workers whose wages have been frozen under the Little Steel formula now find that they must pay more and more for the necessities of life."

"Such cuts in real wages threaten the basic living standards of the people and menace the success of the whole war effort."

Warning sharply against unprincipled action or violation of the union's no-strike pledge, Thomas declared:

"Such action would serve not only to betray our brothers on the firing line, but to disrupt labor's campaign for needed wage adjustments."

"I am convinced that employers in our industry are deliberately seeking to provoke strike action for the purpose of compromising the position of labor before the public and defeating labor's legitimate claims before government agencies."

CONGRESSIONAL SABOTAGE

Thomas pointed out that the anti-labor conspiracy has reached into the halls of Congress. The fight against the stabilization program by such men as Rep. Clare Hoffman has undoubtedly had as one of its primary objectives to provoke labor into a clash with the war effort and the Administration.

Hating both labor and President Roosevelt these mouthpieces for the most reactionary sections of big business have been seeking to trick us into destroying our friends. They want to see labor at odds with the war effort and public opinion, because they know that labor could thereby smash itself and the nation's hope for total victory.

A necessary feature of the wage drive, Thomas said, is "the use of all avenues of publicity and political action for the defeat of the conspiracy within and without Congress to destroy labor and weaken the war effort."

State CIO Rallies Unions For Subsidies

Calling upon Congress to uphold the President on subsidies, the Executive Board of the New York State CIO at a Pennsylvania Hotel meeting yesterday called upon its 800 affiliates to ask for wage raises to meet the rise in the cost of living.

At the same time the council adopted resolutions supporting the administration's tax program and calling upon all CIO unions to intensify organization of white collar workers.

The council represents an affiliated state membership of 1,175,000. The meeting was a special session called by President Louis Hollander as both the tax and subsidy issues headed for an early decision.

The resolution supporting the President on the tax program sharply denounced the present tax bill as a blow against national morale and opposed a sales tax.

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Union Furriers Get Together on Contract



It's Standing Room Only in the big hall at Manhattan Center when the CIO Furriers Joint Council calls a meeting to discuss proposals for its new agreement with city-wide fur employers. The contract expires in February. At this session, held Monday, furriers decided to seek a 10 per cent increase in pay, an employer-financed insurance plan, and tightened job security among other benefits. The Council negotiates on behalf of approximately 15,000 members of the International Fur & Leather Workers Union.

CLU's Myopia on Labor's Civil Rights

By Dorothy Loeb

The American Civil Liberties Union has just concluded a two-year study of democracy and its infringements in America's trade unions and published a comprehensive report on its findings.

The subject, always important, is particularly timely today in the light of the growth of the labor movement and its war responsibilities. Moreover, undemocratic practices play directly into the hands of the enemies of labor since the Westbrook Peglers and those like him seize on just those weaknesses and try to exploit them for attacks on organized labor as a whole.

Insuring members their democratic rights and driving out racketeers is the problem of the labor movement itself. Not new laws nor acts by persons outside the unions no matter how well-intentioned, but action by labor, now one of the principal forces in the country, is required. Nevertheless, no one can deny to individuals or groups the right of comment.

However, the credentials of the Civil Liberties Union to undertake such an examination might well be given special consideration. This is perhaps not the best organization in the world to judge union practices. Always a foe of the closed shop, a defender of the rights of fascists in the unions and elsewhere, the CLU brings its own special brand of democracy to bear as it looks into 'is subject.

Its report, which covers restrictions on membership, closed unions, racketeering, disciplinary action, division of powers within unions, discrimination and information on how union policies are made, contains much information which can be of service to the trade union and the federal and state officials to whom it has been sent.

However, some of the report's value is weakened by an anti-Communist bias which can serve only to help those who maintain the abuses which the report seeks to help eliminate. An example of this outmoded approach is evident in the section dealing with "left and right wings" which concludes with a paragraph accusing Communist minorities of interfering with democratic procedures. Communists the best fighters for democracy in the trade unions, are the leaders in every struggle to eliminate the abuses the report deals with.

The report deals extensively with discrimination in the trade unions giving detailed information particularly on Jim Crow. It is significant, however, that only passing reference is made to the anti-democratic clauses to be found in many union constitutions banning Communists from holding office under clauses which group together Communists, Nazis and Fascists.

HOLDING OFFICE
While the report correctly advocates removing bans based on "race, religion, sexual, national origin or political affiliation," it takes no note of barriers, based on politics, against office. In fact, it comments at one point: "Few unions have qualifications for office which are definitely discriminatory."

A two-year study by CLU experts should have been able to uncover anti-Communist constitutional clauses and exposed their undemocratic character. Probably the bias revealed in the section dealing with "left and right wings" accounts for this omission.

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Brewster Plant to Lay Off 1,365

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (UP).—Brewster Aeronautical Corp. will lay off 1,365 of the 4,500 employees at its Johnsville, Pa., plant by Jan. 1 under a streamlining program which will increase monthly output of Navy Corsair fighters to 150 a month by May, Henry J. Kaiser, president of Brewster told a House investigating committee today.

Kaiser said the manpower switch comes in the process of streamlining Brewster and concentrating solely on Corsair production.

Kaiser said November deliveries of Corsairs were estimated at 51 planes and the production schedule for the next six months, until peak production is reached in May, calls for: December, 65; January, 106; February, 126; March, 140; April, 144; May, 150.

He admitted that all was not "smooth sailing" at Brewster but added "these carriers (which his west coast shipyards are producing) will need planes."

He said the Kaiser yards will produce their 50th aircraft carrier in a few months.

The Navy is withholding certain essential funds from Brewster, he said, because it feared that the committee would recommend that the contract be cancelled.

Chairman Patrick H. Drewry, D.-Va., asked if further investment in Brewster would not be "throwing good money after bad." Kaiser replied that "if I balanced saving dollars against saving 2,000 or 3,000 lives in the Pacific I would not think of the dollars."

Vandegrift Named Marine Corps Chief

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (UP).—Lieut. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, who led the Marine invasions of Guadalcanal and Bougainville, today was named commandant of the Marine Corps.

Party Life:

Unionists and the Community Branch

(Note: This is the follow-up of a previous article, printed Nov. 17, entitled "Community Branches and Trade Union Members.")

By John Williamson

In too many localities, the trade union members of the Party are still "in transit" between their new liquidated shop or industrial branch and their newly assigned community branch. They have the address of their "new home" but they haven't yet made themselves "at home" and become active members and leaders of the community branch.

Each district should examine this situation and consider its speedy solution, in the spirit of our previous article, an urgent political task. Failure to involve the trade union members into the life and leadership of the community branch and activate them under its guidance, means weakening the ties between our Party and the labor movement, precisely at a time when the win-the-war tasks on the military and home fronts demand the greatest clarity and organized support of the labor movement.

Discussions of general problems that confront the labor movement—such as A New Wage Policy and How to Achieve It in Accordance With Labor's No-Strike Pledge, American Labor Participation in the United Nations Labor Congress Next June, Labor Political Action and the 1944 Elections, Urgency of Unity in the United Auto Workers in Relation to the Needs of Auto Workers and the Labor Movement—should not be limited to Party members who are top trade union leaders. Such discussions concern the entire Party membership and especially must involve the Party members who are trade unionists. Such discussions should take place in every community branch under the guidance of the section, county or state committees.

LABOR POLICIES
We should guard against the branch executive not concerning itself with labor policies and problems and merely referring them to the labor committee. This can be overcome if the branch executive and officers (especially in connection with the coming branch elections on a nation-wide basis) include some of the most active mass workers, especially shop workers and trade union leaders and activists.

Every section, county or state committee should also have its labor committee. Regular meetings of the chairman of the branch labor committee should be called by the section committee. While later this may be dispensed with, at this transition stage in the process of involvement of all trade union members in the community branches, such meetings of branch labor committee chairmen on a section or county basis are urgent.

We urge all branches, labor committees and Party members, especially trade unionists, to utilize this column for suggestions or exchange of experiences. The Party leadership, from top to bottom, must take this entire problem under its immediate supervision and not delegate it to sub-committees or departments. (Prepared by C. P. Organization Dept.)

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WORKER SPORTS

New Vistas for Baseball

By N-1 Low

New, glorious vistas for the American National pastime of baseball are in the offing.

Developments which indicate a quick end of the ban against Negro stars are proceeding apace.

There is every hope that by the time the new season rolls around in April such great Negro stars as Josh Gibson, Dave Barnhill, Jesse Williams, Hilton Smith, Buck Leonard and many others will be in their rightful places in the big leagues.

On Monday, Judge K. M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, made public the fact that for the first time in the history of the major leagues the question of Negro participation will be officially discussed by a delegation representing the National Negro Publishers Association. This delegation will present the case of Negro players at the joint meeting of both leagues at the Hotel Commodore on Friday at 10:30 A.M.

In making the announcement the Judge said: "This is the first time such a question has been brought into the open and I don't know what may come of it. I do know that the step is a healthy one and should clean the air for all concerned."

Landis' statement follows the one made two years ago when he declared that no law, written or otherwise, prevented Negroes from playing in the major leagues. But unfortunately the magnates in the leagues did not follow Landis' lead.

There is every indication however that they are now beginning to move in the direction of ending the ban. The father draft which was announced the other day seriously threatens the very existence of major league baseball for next season. If the leagues are to carry on they will be forced to draw upon the Negro leagues for manpower. There is no other way out.

The placing of the Jim Crow question on the agenda of the joint meeting of the major leagues on Friday has evoked a tremendous amount of comment in the press and among baseball men. The United Press and the Associated Press released the

Landis statement to all their papers all over the country.

Baseball men were glad that the thing had finally been brought out into the open.

Yesterday City Councilman A. Clayton Powell and Councilman-elect Michael Quill joined the committee which is urging the magnates to sign Negro stars. On this committee already are Max Yergan, Reverend Thomas Harten, Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Councilman-elect Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., and many others.

Congressman Vito Marcantonio yesterday sent a letter to Landis congratulating him upon his stand. Said Congressman Marcantonio: "I sincerely hope this action will result in ending the Jim Crow ban in the big leagues."

Members of the National Negro Publishers Association which will speak at the joint meeting of the major leagues at 10:30 A.M. on Friday have not yet reached New York and were not available for comment. Among the representatives will be the president of the association.

While the recent developments in the long campaign to break the Jim Crow bars in baseball are heartening, there should be no illusions about the campaign being all over. The pressure on the magnates should be increased now, if anything.

Telegrams should be addressed to Judge K. M. Landis at the Hotel Roosevelt, congratulating him upon his stand. All trade unions and progressive organizations should wire the owners of the local major league clubs, urging they keep in step with Landis' statement by signing Negro stars. The owners can be reached today and Thursday at the Hotel New Yorker and on Friday at the Hotel Commodore where the joint meeting will take place.

Here are the persons to write and wire to:

- 1) Mr. Branch Rickey, President Brooklyn Dodgers.
- 2) Mr. Horace Stoneham, President New York Giants.
- 3) Mr. George Weiss, Vice-Pres. New York Yankees.

Short Shots & Quick Comments

U. S. 14TH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, China, Nov. 30 (UP).—Lt. Tommy Harmon, former Michigan All America football star, will receive the silver bars of a first lieutenant when he returns to his base after having been missing "somewhere in China" for a month, it was announced today.

Harmon was promoted from second lieutenant the day after he was reported lost on October 30th while on a bombing mission against the docks and warehouses at Kiang, Yangtze river port.

He has not yet arrived at his base but his squadron commander telegraphed to this point: "glad to report Harmon is okay and returning to base."

It was Harmon's second escape from death, he having reached safety last April after a two-engine bomber he was piloting crashed in the jungles of French Guiana.

FREDERICK, Md., Nov. 30 (UP).—Charley Keller, outfielder of the New York Yankees, has

been put in 1-A, the Frederick draft board announced today.

The board acted on Keller's case at its regular meeting last night. Date for Keller's induction has not been set, the board said, indicating he will be called in the usual fashion according to his place on the list of available 1-A men.

Keller is 27 and the father of three children. He is employed in a defense plant.

Trade rumors circulate freely in the lobby of the New Yorker Hotel as baseball's major and minor league officials mill about, but so far no deal has been closed. The most persistent whisper is that Jim

Baby, Cleveland Indian pitcher, will be sent to Detroit for outfielder Roger Cramer.

The Giants are rumored to be dickering for Lou Novikoff, the Cub's Mad Russian, with Cliff Melton, Billy Jurges and Buster Maynard as bait.

Manager Mel Ott of the Giants, one of the few major league managers to appear for the early sessions of the baseball convention at the New Yorker Hotel, says he is going to remain on the active list.

"What with the player shortage, Mel better continue as one of his own outfielders. . . . He played in 125 games last season. . . . 'Fell like it was 600,' said Mel yesterday when reminded of it. . . . Ott would like to make a few trades, but isn't over optimistic of his chances of putting through one swap.

The keyman in the new LIU set-up is Younger, a shophomere. This Negro lad, although only 5 feet 6 inches and weighing but 150 pounds, is as fast as they come, a good shot and an expert ball handler with a deceptive dribble. He'll set up the plays in the backcourt. Younger wasn't used much last season because of a kidney ailment and a bad knee, but he's slated for full time duty this winter. He's a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High where he won all-scholastic honors for three years.

Another important lad in Wolfe's plans is an out-of-towner. This is Paul Anthony of Glassport, Pa., 18 miles out of Pittsburgh. Anthony, 5 feet 3 inches, 200 pounds, is slated for the pivot spot and heavy duty off the backboards. He played for Glassport High which, last season, reached the finals of the all-Pennsylvania interscholastic tournament.

Two former Madison High boys are potential first stringers. They are Stan Felnerman, a fine shot, and Len Hassman. Neither played for Madison last season. Felnerman divided his four years at Madison between basketball and football. He was on the court combination the first two years and on the gridiron squad his last two. Stan tips the scales at 210 and is an aggressive performer with all-around court savvy.

Al Rubenstein, from Franklin K. Lane High is the Blackbirds' best set shot and with Les Roth-

man, Stuyvesant, seems to have clinched a varsity post. Rothman wears one of the most famous numbers in LIU history—31. That was the numeral of Sol Schwartz, the Blackbirds' great sharpshooter. Another promising candidate is Gerald Rubel, 6 feet 2 inches, 175 pounds, who was on the squad the latter part of the 1942-43 campaign. Rubel has a fine pair of hands and is an adept ball handler, but as Wolfe puts it: "He's just a little too timid."

Others of note include Irving Ekenazi, Stuyvesant, singled out by Wolfe as "a very promising youngster." Al Bal, Mike Bytuzza, Ernie Spirakis, Arnold Saret, and Vince Verdeschi. "This is a smarter group than the average freshmen," said Wolfe. "Height and good size. They're just shy on experience and confidence, but I'm confident they're going to play a lot of good basketball."

LIU will play eight games in the Garden, opening there December 14th with Brigham Young. Their other Garden dates are: University of Havana, December 25th; De Paul, December 30th; Duke, January 1st; West Virginia, January 12th; Canisius, February 8; W & J, February 21 and Cornell, March 1.

(Tomorrow — The third of the series will discuss New York University.)

Famed Composer Discusses The Mission of the Artist in War

(Reprinted from the Springfield Republican.)

"With the local music season just opening, the following reprints of an address by Sergei Koussevitzky on 'Music in Our Civilization' should give concertgoers a deeper insight into the music they hear during the course of the next six or seven months:

"Music is a dominant need of our time. It is a great stimulus for our fighting forces and a great hope for our future.

"To realize the full significance of music amid the profound calamity of the present war we must glance back into the history of the past. The effect of wars and revolutions upon the fine arts, and culture in general, have been twofold. Either the arts succumb to extreme materialism, demoralization, and decay, or, on the contrary, they herald an epoch of cultural and spiritual rebirth, a release of new thought, new creative forces and a new age in history.

"Within our generation and memory we have witnessed a period of excessive materialism and of a marked decadence in art as an after-effect of the first World War. Today, with the advent of the second World War, we are living through a vigorous uprising of cultural forces and conscience.

"Such a period in history, as periods of transition and of regeneration through human suffering and sacrifice; of reconstruction through a moral and spiritual rebirth and through the collapse of a decaying order of life.

"Hordes of unholy forces have attacked, invaded and imperiled our life. As never before do we realize that art and culture are a stronghold against the aggressor and his devastating, demoralizing forces.

"As we know, this is a war of the peoples as much as of the soldiers.

"Every atom of artistic effort must be mobilized and thrown into action.

Medium Against Evil

"Of all the arts, music is a powerful medium against evil and destruction. It has the power to heal, to comfort and to inspire. In these stormy, perilous days it is the mission of art to protect the fundamental values for which our armies are fighting, to shelter the ennobling, everlasting treasures of art, to maintain the high standard of morale, of culture and thought.

"Music is a living and active force which is essential for preserving the burning spirit and the lasting aspirations and ideals.

"We have to fulfill the great and pressing task of carrying the torch of art and inspiration to the battlefield.

Art Is A Weapon

"Millions of men-at-arms need our music. We cannot afford to waste time. The war goes on at a terrifying pace. Not for a day, not for an hour does bloodshed stop.

"We have before us the matchless example of Russia, where art is a mighty weapon in the war.

"Artists go to the front, into the heat of the battle, where they witness true heroism, and learn to know what is life and death, love and hatred. For those who know supreme love learn also to know profound hatred.

"The fighting men despise and hate the merciless, inhuman enemy; they despise him for degenerating from a once cultured people into a slave and follower of a diseased mind and order, for sinking to the low stage of barbarism. They hate him for the cruelty to old and young, to woman and child, to innocent and weak; for the scorched earth, for the suffering of the mounting toll of victims.

"The artist must experience the very depth of human emotion to give an illuminating account of it. In his work he must portray the intensity of human misery and endurance; the untold tale of tears and blood. He must arouse patriotic ardor and sacred wrath in the hearts of fighting men. He must inspire deeds of great heroism and valor. This is the mission of the artist today.

"Let us write hymns of freedom and victory; compose marches to vanquish the foe; let us proclaim hatred for despotism and destruction; let us sing the song of love for mankind and faith in the ages; less ideals of independence and democracy.

"Let music become the symbol of the undying beauty of the spirit of man.

"Let us conquer darkness with the burning light of art."

Radio Film Front

By DAVID PLATT

An Interview With 'Sahara' Director

HOLLYWOOD.—While at Columbia I showed Zoltan Korda a copy of the Daily Worker containing Frank Antico's warm and enthusiastic review of "Sahara" which he directed and wrote jointly with John Howard Lawson and James O'Hanlon for Columbia Studios. . . . "It's really wonderful to see this in the Daily Worker," Korda remarked. . . . "I must say I am deeply touched to find such an intelligent understanding of what Mr. Lawson and myself were trying to do in 'Sahara.' . . . Please may I take this copy home to show to my wife."

One of the more conspicuous virtues of "Sahara" is that Africa really looks like Africa. . . . I asked Korda to explain how he managed to put the very breath and soul of Sahara into the California desert. . . . "We were determined to reproduce the desert accurately. I knew Africa well. . . . I merely changed the sand according to what I had seen in that far-off continent. . . . For his location site Korda and his unit chose a point thirty miles from the nearest town in Imperial Valley's Desert, half way between Indio and Brawley in the heart of Southern California's sanded wastes. . . . There was no rich, flowing sand in this region. . . . Nothing but scrubby, hot terrain. . . . Ernie Pyle the war correspondent said this territory more closely resembled the fighting area in North Africa than any spot on earth. . . . The entire film was shot on location. . . . Ordinarily close shots and interior sequences are made in the studio following completion of essential location exterior sequences.

But in keeping with the needs of the script and his desire for authenticity, Korda built a sound stage in the heart of Southern California and Brawley in the heart of Southern California's sanded wastes. . . . There was no rich, flowing sand in this region. . . . Nothing but scrubby, hot terrain. . . . Ernie Pyle the war correspondent said this territory more closely resembled the fighting area in North Africa than any spot on earth. . . . The entire film was shot on location. . . . Ordinarily close shots and interior sequences are made in the studio following completion of essential location exterior sequences.

How did you arrive at such a marvelous portrait of a Negro in "Sahara," I asked the director. . . . He replied: "Rex Ingram worked in 'Thief of Bagdad' which my brother Alexander Korda and I made in London a few years ago. . . . Rex was engaged for the part of the Jimmy. . . . Everybody in England fell in love with Rex. . . . We all still regard him as one of the finest men we have ever met. . . . When I planned 'Sahara' here at Columbia I had in mind a noble character. He was delighted. . . . He did not even question the role. . . . He knew instinctively that I intended to make it the true spirit of his race. . . . Rex was impressed with the part. . . . I named the character he plays after a great friend of mine—Tambul, a brilliant young Negro cadet I knew in Africa."

"Sahara," says Korda is great entertainment but it is also propaganda. . . . "How can you get away from propaganda? . . . To propagandize is to teach. . . . Shall we stop teaching? . . . I believe definitely that the future of the screen is inevitably tied up with telling people that this is the right way to live. . . . Of course there are two ways to teach; two ways to make propaganda. . . . You give medicine to a sick child. . . . Sometimes you force the child to take it. . . . Sometimes you persuade him to take it. . . . I believe in persuading children. . . . Korda said he was against propaganda that is "a fist in the face." . . . Nobody wants to be the "victim of propaganda."

Korda, like so many others, feels that the war has given film directors a terrific push toward realism. . . . "Documentary films have had a tremendous influence. . . . Directors, audiences too—know now that certain things no longer exist. . . . The South Sea romance film, to cite one instance, has been permanently smashed by the war. . . . "What are your plans now that 'Sahara' is on its way to becoming the No. 1 war film of the nation?" I inquired at the end of our sixty-minute talk. . . . "My next film which John Howard Lawson is preparing for the screen will be 'Counterattack'—you know, the Red Army play which Morris Carnovsky did on Broadway last year. . . . The combination that turned out "Sahara" can be depended upon to make a great film of "Counterattack."

8:30-WEAP—Musical Quiz With Hildegarde: Bonnik Orchestra
9:00-WEAP—The Face of the Future: WJZ—Battle of the Sexes
9:30-WEAP—Dr. Christian, Sketch: With Jean Harlow, Others
9:55-WEAP—Bill Henry, News:
10:00-WEAP—Edie Cantor—Comedy: Quiz Kid, Guests: Nora Martin, Songs: Bert Gordon
WOR—Gladys Knight, Comments: WJZ—Bandwagon; Martin Orchestra
WABC—Master of the Town—Lionel Barrymore, Agnes Moorehead:
9:15-WEAP—Gracie Fields, Songs: Comedy
9:30-WEAP—Mr. District Attorney—Sketch:
WOR—Guess Who?—Quiz: WJZ—Spotlight Band
WJZ—News: Music
9:55-WEAP—Jack Carson Show:
10:00-WEAP—Gracie Fields, Songs: WJZ—News; Music
WOR—John B. Humes, Comments: WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing, News
WABC—Great Moments in Music: Jean Tennyson, Soprano, and Others
10:15-WEAP—Sunny Skylar, Songs: WJZ—Lulu Bates, Songs; Orchestra
10:30-WEAP—Paul Schubert, Comments: WJZ—Men's News; Music
WABC—Gould Orchestra, Alex: Templeton, Piano
10:45-WEAP—To Be Announced: WJZ—News; Music
11:00-WEAP—Vocal Music: WJZ—News; Music
11:30-WEAP—WABC, WOR—News: Music
12:00-WEAP—Author's Playhouse: WABC—Rudolf Piskunov, Pianist
WABC—News: Music
WJZ, WABC—News: Music

KUDOS FOR KATHERINE
 Katherine Seymour, author of NBC's "Light of the World" program, has been elected secretary of the Author's League of America.

PREVIEW OF A MOVIE SCENE



In making Samuel Goldwyn's spectacular "The North Star," every scene was sketched in detailed composition as regards both the set and the actors before it was photographed. Here is Director Lewis Milestone explaining to Ann Harding what the action will be in the next scene, the bombing of a Russian village by German airplanes.

NEW FILMS

By Frank Antico

NORTHERN PURSUIT, at the Strand.

That one-man army, Errol Flynn, is loose again in "Northern Pursuit." Armed with a toothy smile and a sharp mustache, he wreaks devastation upon a small troop of Nazi marauders who are engaged in a plot to bomb a strategic waterway in Canada. Devotees of the Royal Canadian "Mounties" thrillers will find in this movie none of the refreshing naïveté that carried audience and actors safely through one peril after another. This film mashes its way through mountains of snow and the writing often shows signs of suffering from cold and exhaustion.

'Northern Pursuit' And 'No Mataras'

Don't let this one snow you under.

NO MATARAS (THOU SHALT NOT KILL) at the Belmont.
 Mexican movie, Spanish dialogue, no subtitles. A woman revenges the outraged honor of her daughter by slaying the seducer. An attorney recounts the history of the mother's life struggle, and it's very much like the stories a certain unmentionable radio program unloads on the public. There is much sadness, heaps of it, and all so trivially contrived that the lively audience at the Belmont Theater is always several jumps ahead of the action. Good for practicing your Spanish, but otherwise monotonously sad.

Pearl Primus in "An African Dance Festival"

Pearl Primus, outstanding Negro dancer now the chief attraction at Cafe Society Downtown, has been added to the company of "An African Dance Festival," which will be presented at Carnegie Hall by the African Academy of Arts and Research on Monday evening, December 13, with Mrs. Roosevelt as guest of honor. Miss Primus has given many solo recitals, and this is her first appearance with Asadata Dfora, who is staging and will be the leading performer in the African Festival. She will do two dances with him, and one solo during the evening. Joan Smith, who has danced with Belle Rosette and the Negro Dance Company, and Alma Sutton who received praise in Dfora's previous production, "Zun-gu," and "Zyunkunor," are also in the company of fifty dancers, singers, drummers and musicians.

Rodzinski's Program of 'This Week Dedicated to Suffering of Oppressed'

Artur Rodzinski has dedicated this week's program to "the suffering of the oppressed," to all the victims of the totalitarian forces against which the United Nations are fighting. The program, which will be given four times—Thursday night, Friday afternoon, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon—consists of two numbers only: Three Jewish Poems of Ernest Bloch; and the Mahler Symphony No. 2 in C minor, sometimes known as the "Resurrection" Symphony. To his young assistant conductor Leonard Bernstein Mr. Rodzinski has entrusted the performances of the Bloch score. The soloists in the Mahler Symphony will be Astrid Varnay and Enda Santho and the chorus that of the Westminster Choir.

The Three Jewish Poems of Bloch were done by the New York Symphony under Walter Damrosch on January 10 and 13, 1918, but never by the Philharmonic. The soloists are Dance, Rite, and Funeral Cortege. The composer now makes his home at Agate Beach, Oregon.

Informal Musicales

Of Chamber Music at School for Democracy

The second in a series of Informal Musicales of Chamber Music will take place on Friday evening, Dec. 3, at the School for Democracy, 13 Astor Place, New York. The personnel of the quartet changes for each musicale and includes musicians from the Philharmonic, NBC and other orchestras.

Musical Program

At Apollo Theatre

The Apollo 42nd Street Theatre is proud to announce its all musical show beginning Thursday, Dec. 2nd. The program will consist of "Louise," starring Grace Moore, French film based on the Charpentier opera, and "Chocolat Soldier," featuring Nelson Eddy, and Rise Stevens, both highly acclaimed by the operatic world.

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Erasing the Blot



Evading the Issue

THE NEW YORK TIMES editorial on the Pravda article estimating the American debate on foreign policy expresses agreement with much of Pravda's comment but seemingly only to evade its full implications. To conceal this evasion the Times gives its editorial a characteristic anti-Communist twist.

Pravda had observed that the essence of American isolationism was a "policy of the so-called appeasement of the aggressors," in reality "a policy of their constant encouragement and support." It was this policy, says Pravda, that resulted in our lack of preparedness, and was responsible for our initial heavy casualties.

Pravda then stresses the great advance which the Connally and Fulbright resolutions signify for the United States. It stresses the "serious changes in wide public circles" which forced both the House and Senate to abandon isolationism.

But Pravda also noted something clear to alert American observers but which the Times ignores—that a good deal of the harmony in Congress is only apparent, that the supporters of isolation are trying to adapt themselves outwardly to the basic change in national policy and popular will without departing from their positions in principle.

The Times cannot deny that our isolationist Republicans and their Democratic friends had, by their policies, left the nation completely unprepared when Hitler and Japan threatened our national interests. The best the Times can do is charge American Communists with equal responsibility—a futile and shameless assertion, which does not stand analysis. First of all, the Communist Party was not strong or influential enough to determine the country's policies. Second, if the foreign policy advocated by the Communists since Hitler's rise to power had been adopted by the nation, the Moscow Declarations, arrived at only recently, could have been the basis for an anti-Hitler coalition long before the war: a coalition to prevent the war or to smash the Nazis long before the Munich agreement strengthened Hitler against the democratic peoples.

The Communist fight to open American eyes to the world's realities did not begin in 1940 or 1941. It has a long history. Was there any other political party whose 1936 platform declared itself "in favor of strengthening all measures for collective security"? Who was it that urged the United States to join with the League of Nations "in effective financial and economic measures" against Hitler Germany, Italian fascism and Japanese imperialism? Who insisted that America could be kept out of war only by keeping war out of the world, and urged for this sake that "the United States should develop an American Peace Policy in close collaboration with the Soviet Union"?

Were the Communists encouraging the aggressors in their fight for Ethiopia, for Republican Spain, and their practically lone stand in this country against the Munich agreement? Would the country have been unprepared if the real purposes of Japan and Germany were exposed before the nation—as the Communists, among other democrats, were doing during the fateful decade?

And in 1940—what jeopardized the American national interest—the anti-Sovietism over the Finnish war in which all other political forces joined to the point of almost attacking the Soviet Union?—or the Communist insistence that the basic interests of our own country and Russia were harmonious?

The experience of the past two years have proven to all which policy was and is in our

national interest. For it is only in closer relations with the USSR, and a more consistent friendship with the peoples of Europe that we have the prospect of victory, and a foundation for a durable and just peace.

To guarantee the continuation of this policy requires not sniping at the Communists, but the exposure of those elements who are not reconciled to the Moscow Conference, and still seek the moment to undermine its decisions.

Dewey and Subsidies

WHEN the Mayor goes down to Washington Thursday to testify before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on behalf of the subsidy program, he will be fortified with a resolution from a group of Columbia County farm women asking that the program be saved.

The resolution expresses the attitude of large numbers of farmers upstate, as well as throughout the nation, who understand that food subsidies are an essential wartime weapon for increasing food production and for preventing inflation.

The position of labor in the state has been adequately expressed by the national leadership of AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods. Yet seventeen of the twenty Republican Congressmen from New York voted to prohibit the subsidy program. The exceptions are the single New York City Republican Joseph Clark Baldwin, and Congressmen Mruk of Buffalo and Kearney of the Schenectady-Amsterdam-Gloversville area.

All the other Republicans knifed the nation and their constituents alike by voting for the subsidy ban.

Governor Dewey, as titular head of the state GOP, cannot evade responsibility for their action. As chief dispenser of state patronage and as virtual dictator of the party who has not hesitated to crack the whip, he can unquestionably influence the vote of the GOP Congressmen.

That he has not done so is clear indication that he accepts the Republican high command strategy of causing disruption and chaos in our war economy for defeatist, profiteering and partisan reasons.

All supporters of the subsidy program in New York should, in addition to writing to Senators Wagner and Mead and to Senate leaders, make it clear to the Governor that they will hold him responsible also if New York's GOP Congressmen continue to oppose the subsidy program.

To the Utmost

A LITTLE more than two weeks remain until the close of the present drive for the National War Fund. On Friday, Dec. 17, the New York section of that campaign will be concluded with a mammoth wind-up mass meeting.

Four million dollars are still to be raised in the New York area, of the seventeen millions set for this city's goal. You will want to do your share, we are certain, to assure that these final four millions are realized. We urge you to do your utmost and to get your friends to do likewise, in providing contributions for this final phase of the campaign.

Food for the people of the occupied countries, blood banks for China, relief in many forms for the staunch Soviet people, in addition to help for our own boys are included in the fund's purposes. There can be no cause dearer to American hearts. There can be nothing at the present moment which justifies a more generous response.

Hunger Menaces America If Ban-Subsidy Gang Wins Out

By Louis F. Budenz

In the tussle now opening in the Senate over subsidies, there is much more involved than appears at first on the surface.

It is nothing other than the whole rationing system which is being shot at by the ban-subsidies bill. With the tipping over of the rationing system there would go starvation and near-starvation for considerable numbers of the people, who would be unable to buy in the universal black market which would then prevail.

This is, then, one of the most dastardly and deadly bids to upset the whole war machinery—and to subject the people to the peril of insufficient food—that has yet come along.

As the "farm bloc" and its defeatist friends have gone on with their fight against the granting of subsidies, they have more and more openly admitted that they were really gunning for all price control. They want to knock down and bury for good any check on uninterrupted ballooning of prices.

WANT TO KILL OPA

This has been made manifest by Representative Howard Smith, when he attacked the Office of Price Administration last week—on the grounds that its operations were "illegal." This was brazenly a confession without any "if" or "but," that the objective of those insisting upon barring subsidies is the entire wiping out of any price protections for the people's pocket-books. They want to end price control once and for all.

Joe G. Montague appeared in Washington likewise to testify to the same goal on the part of the

anti-subsidies crowd. Mr. Montague is a big cattle man from Texas; he is, to be precise, general counsel of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Before the Senate Agricultural Committee two weeks ago on Nov. 15 this gentleman denounced all food subsidies and dubbed the price program "a desire to regiment the nation completely."

Mr. Montague and his associates, in other words, look upon any price control or regulation as "regimentation" and want it done away with. If that will lose the war, Montague cares not; with him it is profit first and the devil take the hindmost, which in this case would be the American people. For his part, he is opposed to all price control whatsoever.

Examination of the views expressed by the "farm bloc" through alleged milk producers, Farm Bureau Federation and other like agencies will indicate a like goal.

ALSO HURT ALLIES

Now if the plans are knocked out from under price control, then rationing is done for. The buying of food is no longer under the helpful control which is the rule at the present time. The rich alone will be assured of the proper food-stuffs in the required quantities. The mass of the people will be denied the food they sorely need for productive ability and for their health, for the simple reason that Relief and Rehabilitation Administration—and that will be fatal for us and for the democratic world.

Of course, this will have even wider repercussions. For if the mass of the Americans will be thus robbed of their bread and milk and meat, our Allies and those in the

occupied countries who need our cooperative help in supplying them with food will be in a worse fix. We will be unable to fulfill our pledges under the United Nations Relief Administration—and that will be fatal for us and for the democratic world.

On Sunday Paul S. Willis, president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., made one of those typically callous and reckless statements which gave the people knowledge of where the anti-subsidies crowd is heading. This man Willis had the audacity to state in effect that there was no need for any price regulations any more because there is food in abundance now in the American market. These remarks of Mr. Willis make quite clear that the anti-subsidies outfit intends to refuse cooperation with our Allies and the people of the occupied countries. It reveals the cloven hoof of "isolationism" beneath his cloak of "patriotism."

For it is evident that our harvests are not sufficient to meet all that is required unless we employ the same method of rationing—so that restrained prices will enable the people to get the fruits of these harvests. And it is further evident that this man Willis has not taken into consideration at all the pressure that will be put on our harvests before the year is over—from our Allies and the people of other countries.

If the people want to prevent these evils, they will have to get into the fight more than they are at the present moment. The defeat of the subsidies ban in the Senate becomes more and more of a patriotic MUST.

Letters From Our Readers

Letters from Workers

New York City.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Why doesn't the Daily Worker get more letters from shops and factories? The many workers who are readers of the paper seem to be silent about conditions in the shops and about other things of that kind we should all know about.

Is it impossible to urge the war workers to write in and tell what is happening in the shops and about new women workers, whether Negroes are being taken on and things of that kind? It is a long time since there have been any letters of this character in the Daily Worker and I believe the editors would welcome these letters if they would come in.

Ed. Note: You are right. The Daily Worker would welcome very definitely any letters dealing with conditions in the shops. We hope that this letter from one of our readers will induce others to let us know about what is going on among the workers.

Not the Same

New York City.
Editor, Daily Worker:

In the article appearing in the Daily on Wednesday, Nov. 17, entitled "Greek Seamen Freed From Ellis Island," it is stated that the Greek Maritime Union is participating in the management of the "Greek Mariners Club" located at 208 West 59th Street.

Our organization does not par-

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participate in the management of this club.

Greek Maritime Co-operative Unions of New York.
PETER SPYRIDAKOS,
Secretary.

Ed. Note: We're glad to make this correction.

Is Victor Ridder Anti-Nazi

Boston, Mass.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Calling a conference of German Trade unionists in New York City to express their opposition to Hitlerism last week was a timely action which shouldn't have surprised anybody who in the past has been acquainted with the anti-Nazi activities among the German workers in New York City.

Yes, the German workers have been anti-Nazi for many years, as a matter of fact they have been anti-Nazi when officially it still was considered a crime to be so and when the Bundists could hold their meetings and demonstrations under the protection of New York's finest.

There are a few militant German workers organizations in New York who for years did a splendid job in the anti-Nazi field.

But what got under my skin is that this conference couldn't be held without a speaker like Victor Ridder, from the Staatszeitung. Don't the German-American Trade unionists know the history of this outfit?

JACK SALTER.
Ed. Note: The German-American committee, through its Secretary Gustave Faber, stated to the Daily Worker that its purpose is to bring together all men and women who want to fight Hitlerism. It means to adhere to that purpose. It was in that spirit that Victor Ridder was invited to address the meeting, and his anti-fascist speech is pointed to by the committee as evidence that he is helping decidedly in the anti-Hitler fight.

Hitlerite Rumors

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I'm writing this in the hope of helping to squelch a rumor that is being spread at the Erie Basin Todd Shipyards in Brooklyn against the WAC's.

Remembering the last slanderous campaign against the WAC's that the press carried on, I expect that this latest rumor will find its way into the press shortly.

I hope something can be done to run the rumor down before it goes too far.
A READER.

The Mockery of 'Anschluss'--- Austria and the Coming Freedom

(By Wirephoto to Inter-Continental News)
MOSCOW, Nov. 30. — When the

Hitlerites carried through a forcible "Anschluss," tying Austria to the tail of Nazi Germany's cart as the first step toward the enslavement of Europe, they spoke of this act as the "restoration of a state of unity for the German People." So says an article in the 12th issue of War and the Working Class.

Today, when the Moscow Declaration has selected this first state to be enslaved as the first to be named in a guarantee of freedom, it is worth while to examine just what is back of the Anschluss.

The article continues: "Actually, throughout its history Austria was an independent state, never a part of Germany. Despite this, owing to a number of reasons the Hitlerite nationalist demagogues had a certain influence on some sections of the Austrian People. These reasons include a common language; a historical tradition of many years and a military alliance between German and Austro-Hungarian imperialism, so fearful for Austria: The weakness of the Austrian Republic which originated in 1918, whose economic and political development, far from facilitated, was on the contrary hindered in every way by the victorious powers: The destruction of democracy by the Dollfuss-Schuschnigg and Starheimberg regime and lastly the detrimental foreign policy orientation of the ruling circles leaning towards

the Italy of Mussolini who sold out Austria to Hitler Germany. . . .

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC "FAITH"
Most dangerous, however, was the lack of confidence of the influential Austrian politicians and especially the Social-Democratic leaders in the ability of the Austrian People to secure the progress of their own independent state.

The national consciousness of the Austrians was systematically undermined not only by the agents of German imperialism but also by the helpless democrats who constantly asserted that Austria lacked a "vital capacity."

Following the occupation of Austria, the German Fascist and their henchmen skillfully took advantage of the confusion prevailing among the Austrians to destroy a considerable part of the leading Austrian patriots simultaneously promising the people mountains of gold in the great German "Lebensraum."

The success of this brazen demagoguery was facilitated by the fact that influential politicians of the type of the ex-Social-Democratic Chancellor, Karl Renner, for example, deciding to surrender to the German Fascists declared the Anschluss was "historic progress."

Upon the opportunist attitude of many Austrians who "on the one hand" disapproved of the forcible Anschluss, "on the other hand" saw in it "historic progress" rests a substantial share of the responsibility which Austria bears for participating in Hitler's war.

ARSENAL OF GERMANS

Austria became one of the principal arsenals of the German Army. But the regime of the German Fascist yoke combined with unbridled depletion of the country and systematic national humiliation of the people gave rise to essential changes in the sentiments of various circles of the Austrian People.

The Austrian Patriots, beginning as isolated groups later won public attention and sympathy. To say the least, the Austrians were indifferent to "the aim of the war" advanced by Hitler in 1939: Danzig, the Polish Corridor, etc.

Nevertheless, the Austrians obediently went into the Hitlerite Army and almost without resistance joined the war on the side of Hitler Germany. More than this: Hitler's initial successes evoked among certain sections of the Austrian People certain imperialist tendencies.

Only in the course of the Hitlerite war against the Soviet Union did Austrian soldiers begin to lose reliability. The Austrian Army now fighting in the Hitlerite Army, not as willingly as the Germans, frequently try to disassociate themselves from them. But they are still fighting.

The Austrians in the rear are not working as readily as the Germans, yet they are working for Hitler and his war. Therein lies the indisputable responsibility of Austria, as pointed out in the Moscow Conference.

(To be concluded tomorrow)

Change the World

By MIKE GOLD

ASIDE from going to a technical school training for war work five nights a week, making several week-end speeches and conducting tours around the city parks with little boys of the family and a few other chores, this columnist manages to write a few columns and otherwise leads a fairly peaceful life at the vortex of the New York tornado. Yes, indeed!



But last week contained a holiday that upset the quiet rhythm of work, work and work. I was forced to go out and have fun. It proved to be wonderful and I must try more of it at Christmas time.

The biggest plum in the week's pudding was, of course, a birthday party for Teddy Wilson, who leads the swing orchestra at Cafe Society Uptown.

It all came about like this. The telephone exploded one afternoon at the office and I picked it up and received a shock that almost electrocuted me.

A machine gun rattled, huge dynamos thundered into my ear, and somebody shot a rocket to the moon. The Empire State Building fell down suddenly with the roar of a million Fuller Brush salesmen knocking at a single door. Out of the ravaged phone came a voice that has haunted and followed me for years like the Hound of Heaven!

Ed Royce speaking, in short! He is, as everyone knows, the high-power organizer who runs these United States and who also put on that historic Goldfish Gate show that helped elect Ben Davis to the Council (according to historian E. Royce, in his latest study, "New York Under the Royce").

"Olga thinks your wife's wonderful and wants you both to come to her husband Teddy's birthday party tonight," said Royce over the phone. Rapidly. Authoritatively. No nonsense, now!

"I have no clothes to wear, Ed," I whined. "Come without clothes," he said. "I must go to my school," I snivelled, helplessly. "The party begins at twelve, after school," he said. "Who will mind our kids?"

"Scuttle around, Mr. Lug, you are sure to find someone," came the Commando's stern command. So we went and thanks, Ed, for blizzing me in your old general style!

I HAD never been inside the doors of famed Cafe Society Uptown, and found it a pleasantly inspiring spot. The sandwiches are not quite as good as those at Bennie's and the Automat coffee contains as much coffee as this million dollar extract.

But, oh, the wonderful music that Teddy Wilson's boys give out! Teddy is pianist and leader of a troupe that puts into swing a certain shape and finally which is almost classic. Oh, what a drummer is Sidney Catlett! He out Royces Royce!

Olga, his wife, is as pretty as a dream girl. But she hates you if you tell her so. Unfortunately, I did this, not suspecting she was a Ph.D., also an editor of the American Scholar. Imagine making such a mistake! But I never have time to read Elsa Maxwell. Forgive and forget, Olga, please!

PAUL ROBESON was there, after having just done "Othello." Bearded and heroic like some Egyptian god, he and Ben Davis and Adam Powell stood with arms around each other's shoulders for a minute as they kidded and greeted each other. It was like seeing the future at play, or history in the making. Yes, indeed, I am not scared by talent and goodness, of whatever birth or nation.

The gifted "Lucky" Roberts, who has three musical shows coming on Broadway this year, and who wrote "Bon Bon Buddy" among a thousand other songs of the past, and who has been on the Hit Parade for over a year, sat and beamed.

Quentin Reynolds the correspondent wandered in. I sat by Howard Fast, of "Citizen Tom Paine," and discussed history and swing with this modest, and gifted author. Audley Moore was there, Harlem manager of the Ben Davis campaign. Many others, a wonderful party for a fine musician.

And Hazel Scott played the piano. Have you heard her doing "Blues in the Night"? Ladies and gentlemen, this is Miss Shakespeare! Hazel Scott builds a bridge between Chopin and boogie-woogie. Even for me, an old prejudiced Bach-hound, the bridge actually holds! Thanks, Teddy, thanks Ed, Hazel, Olga, et al. for a great cultural evening.

5 Years Ago Today In the Daily Worker

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NEW YORK.—When French censorship prevented any news of the French General Strike from getting out of France, the Daily Worker was the only newspaper that carried the true news of the strike. We got the story by making a trans-Atlantic telephone call to P. L. Darnar, associate editor of L'Humanite.

Tbilisi, USSR.—In the capital of Soviet Georgia, where national hatreds ran rampant under Tsarist rule, more than 1,000 leading Soviet intellectuals held a mass meeting Tuesday night to protest the Nazi pogroms against the Jews in Germany.

The speakers flayed the cannibalism of the Nazi brigands against the defenseless Jewish people of Germany.

"At the side of all the people of the Soviet Union," said the writer Gamsakhurdia, "together with the working people of the whole world, the Georgian literary world expresses its wrath and hatred of the fascist bandits."

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